## **DECISION MEMORANDUM**

TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: MAY 16, 2013

RE: QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC'S APPLICATION

TO AMEND THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON

WIRELESS; CASE NO. QWE-T-11-03.

#### BACKGROUND

Under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, interconnection agreements must be submitted to the Commission for approval. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1). The Commission may reject an agreement adopted by negotiations only if it finds that the agreement: (1) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or (2) implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A).

### **CURRENT APPLICATION**

On April 30, 2013, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC submitted an Application to amend an interconnection agreement with Verizon Wireless approved by the Commission on March 4, 2011. See Order No. 32198. With this Application, the parties seek Commission approval to amend the Type 2 Wireless Interconnection Agreement by adding terms and conditions governing the exchange of non-access telecommunications traffic.

#### STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Application and does not find that any terms or conditions are discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes the Application is consistent with the FCC orders and pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the

federal Telecommunications Act. Accordingly, Staff recommends Commission approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement.

# **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?

Grace Seaman

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